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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-captioned application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
(Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).)

a. ☒ **Previously submitted.** If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

  i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

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  ii. ☒ Other: Response filed February 2, 2006

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b. ☒ **Enclosed**

  i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

  ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

  iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-SB/08A and References)

  iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time - 2 Mo.

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-captioned application is requested under 37 CFR. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other: _____

3. Fees
The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Fees are calculated as follows:

		AMOUNT	☒ Large Entity	☐ Small Entity
i. ☒ RCE BASIC FEE	$	790.00	$ 790.00	$ 395.00
ii. ☒ EXTENSION FEES	$	450.00	One-Month $ 120.00 / Two-Month 450.00 / Three-Month 1020.00 / Four-Month 1590.00 / Five-Month 2160.00	$ 60.00 / 225.00 / 510.00 / 795.00 / 1080.00
iii. ☐ OTHER - PETITION FEE	$		$ 0.00	$ 0.00

b. ☒ A check in the amount of $1,240.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges to **Deposit Account No. 50-0206.**

c. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge _____ as indicated above, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature		Date	March 30, 2006
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